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To make grants to carry out activities to prevent teen pregnancy in racial or ethnic minority or immigrant communities, and for other purposes.

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Ms. SOLIS (for herself, Mrs. CAPPS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. LEE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. WATSON, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Communities of Color
5 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
4 retary”) shall make grants to public and nonprofit private
5 entities for the purpose of carrying out projects to prevent
6 teen pregnancies in racial or ethnic minority or immigrant
7 communities with a substantial incidence or prevalence of
8 cases of teen pregnancy as compared to the average num-
9 ber of such cases in communities in the State involved (re-
10 ferred to in this Act as “eligible communities”).

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PURPOSE OF
12 GRANTS.—A grant may be made under subsection (a) only
13 if, with respect to the expenditure of the grant to carry
14 out the purpose described in such subsection, the applicant
15 involved agrees to use one or more of the following strate-
16 gies:

17 (1) Promote effective communication among
18 families about preventing teen pregnancy, particu-
19 larly communication among parents or guardians
20 and their children.

21 (2) Educate community members about the
22 consequences of teen pregnancy.

23 (3) Encourage young people to postpone sexual
24 activity and prepare for a healthy, successful adult-
25 hood.

1 (4) Provide educational information, including
2 medically accurate contraceptive information, for
3 young people in such communities who are already
4 sexually active or are at risk of becoming sexually
5 active and inform young people in such communities
6 about the responsibilities and consequences of being
7 a parent, and how early pregnancy and parenthood
8 can interfere with educational and other goals.

9 (c) UTILIZING EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES.—A grant
10 may be made under subsection (a) only if the applicant
11 involved agrees that, in carrying out the purpose described
12 in such subsection, the applicant will, whenever possible,
13 use strategies that have been demonstrated to be effective,
14 or that incorporate characteristics of effective programs.

15 (d) REPORT.—A grant may be made under sub-
16 section (a) only if the applicant involved agrees to submit
17 to the Secretary, in accordance with the criteria of the
18 Secretary, a report that provides information on the
19 project under such subsection, including outcomes. The
20 Secretary shall make such reports available to the public.

21 (e) EVALUATIONS.—Not later than 12 months after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall,
23 directly or through contract, provide for evaluations of six
24 projects under subsection (a), which evaluations—

1 (1) describe the activities carried out with the
2 grant; and

3 (2) how such activities increased education and
4 awareness services relating to the prevention of teen
5 pregnancy.

6 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
7 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
8 to be appropriated \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
9 2007 through 2011.

10 **SEC. 3. SCHOOL-BASED PROJECTS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
12 to public and nonprofit private entities for the purpose of
13 establishing and operating for eligible communities, in as-
14 sociation with public secondary schools for such commu-
15 nities, projects for one or more of the following:

16 (1) To carry out activities, including counseling,
17 to prevent teen pregnancy.

18 (2) To provide necessary social and cultural
19 support services regarding teen pregnancy.

20 (3) To provide health and educational services
21 related to the prevention of teen pregnancy.

22 (4) To promote better health and educational
23 outcomes among pregnant teens.

1 (5) To provide training for individuals who plan
2 to work in school-based support programs regarding
3 the prevention of teen pregnancy.

4 (b) PRIORITY.—In making grants under subsection
5 (a), the Secretary shall give priority to providing for
6 projects under such subsection in eligible communities.

7 (c) REQUIRED COALITION.—A grant may be made
8 under subsection (a) only if the applicant involved has
9 formed an appropriate coalition of entities for purposes
10 of carrying out a project under such subsection, includ-
11 ing—

12 (1) one or more public secondary schools for the
13 eligible community involved; and

14 (2) entities to provide the services of the
15 project.

16 (d) TRAINING.—A grant under subsection (a) may be
17 expended to train individuals to provide the services de-
18 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of such subsection for
19 the project involved.

20 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
21 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
22 to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
23 2007 through 2011.

1 **SEC. 4. MULTIMEDIA CAMPAIGNS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
3 to public and nonprofit private entities for the purpose of
4 carrying out multimedia campaigns to provide public edu-
5 cation and increase awareness with respect to the issue
6 of teen pregnancy and related social and emotional issues.

7 (b) PRIORITY.—In making grants under subsection
8 (a), the Secretary shall give priority to campaigns de-
9 scribed in such subsection that are directed toward eligible
10 communities.

11 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—A grant may be made under
12 subsection (a) only if the applicant involved agrees that
13 the multimedia campaign under such subsection will—

14 (1) provide information on the prevention of
15 teen pregnancy;

16 (2) provide information that identifies organiza-
17 tions in the communities involved that—

18 (A) provide health and educational services
19 related to the prevention of teen pregnancy; and

20 (B) provide necessary social and cultural
21 support services; and

22 (3) coincide with efforts of the National Clear-
23 inghouse for Teen Pregnancy Prevention that are
24 made under section 5(b)(1).

25 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
26 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized

1 to be appropriated \$6,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
2 2007 through 2011.

3 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
5 to a nonprofit private entity to establish and operate a
6 National Clearinghouse for Teen Pregnancy Prevention
7 (referred to in this section as the “Clearinghouse”) for the
8 purposes described in subsection (b).

9 (b) PURPOSES OF CLEARINGHOUSE.—The purposes
10 referred to in subsection (a) regarding the Clearinghouse
11 are as follows:

12 (1) To provide information and technical assist-
13 ance to States, Indian tribes, local communities, and
14 other public or private entities to develop content
15 and messages for teens and adults that address and
16 seek to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy.

17 (2) To support parents in their essential role in
18 preventing teen pregnancy by equipping parents with
19 information and resources to promote and strength-
20 en communication with their children about sex, val-
21 ues, and positive relationships, including healthy re-
22 lationships.

23 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTEE.—A grant may be
24 made under subsection (a) only if the applicant involved
25 is an organization that meets the following conditions:

1 (1) The organization is a nationally recognized,
2 nonpartisan organization that focuses exclusively on
3 preventing teen pregnancy and has at least 10 years
4 of experience in working with diverse groups to re-
5 duce the rate of teen pregnancy.

6 (2) The organization has a demonstrated ability
7 to work with and provide assistance to a broad
8 range of individuals and entities, including teens;
9 parents; the entertainment and news media; State,
10 tribal, and local organizations; networks of teen
11 pregnancy prevention practitioners; businesses; faith
12 and community leaders; and researchers.

13 (3) The organization has experience in the use
14 of culturally competent and linguistically appropriate
15 methods to address teen pregnancy in eligible com-
16 munities.

17 (4) The organization conducts or supports re-
18 search and has experience with scientific analyses
19 and evaluations.

20 (5) The organization has comprehensive knowl-
21 edge and data about strategies for the prevention of
22 teen pregnancy.

23 (6) The organization has experience in carrying
24 out functions similar to the functions described in
25 subsection (b).

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
2 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
3 to be appropriated \$1,500,000 for each of the fiscal years
4 2007 through 2011.

5 **SEC. 6. RESEARCH.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
7 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
8 tion, shall make grants to public or nonprofit private enti-
9 ties to conduct, support, and coordinate research on the
10 prevention of teen pregnancy in eligible communities, in-
11 cluding research on the factors contributing to the dis-
12 proportionate rates of teen pregnancy in such commu-
13 nities.

14 (b) RESEARCH.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
15 Secretary shall support research that—

16 (1) investigates and determines the incidence
17 and prevalence of teen pregnancy in communities de-
18 scribed in such subsection;

19 (2) examines—

20 (A) the extent of the impact of teen preg-
21 nancy on—

22 (i) the health and well-being of teen-
23 agers in the communities; and

24 (ii) the scholastic achievement of such
25 teenagers;

1 (B) the variance in the rates of teen preg-
2 nancy by—

3 (i) location (such as inner cities, inner
4 suburbs, and outer suburbs);

5 (ii) population subgroup (such as His-
6 panic, Asian-Pacific Islander, African-
7 American, Native American); and

8 (iii) level of acculturation;

9 (C) the importance of the physical and so-
10 cial environment as a factor in placing commu-
11 nities at risk of increased rates of teen preg-
12 nancy; and

13 (D) the importance of aspirations as a fac-
14 tor affecting young women's risk of teen preg-
15 nancy; and

16 (3) is used to develop—

17 (A) measures to address race, ethnicity, so-
18 cioeconomic status, environment, and edu-
19 cational attainment and the relationship to the
20 incidence and prevalence of teen pregnancy; and

21 (B) efforts to link the measures to relevant
22 databases, including health databases.

23 (c) PRIORITY.—In making grants under subsection
24 (a), the Secretary shall give priority to research that incor-
25 porates—

1 (1) interdisciplinary approaches; or

2 (2) a strong emphasis on community-based
3 participatory research.

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
5 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
6 to be appropriated \$7,500,000 for each of the fiscal years
7 2007 through 2011.

8 **SEC. 7. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

9 (a) MEDICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION.—A grant
10 may be made under this Act only if the applicant involved
11 agrees that all information provided pursuant to the grant
12 will be age-appropriate, factually and medically accurate
13 and complete, and scientifically based.

14 (b) CULTURAL CONTEXT OF SERVICES.—A grant
15 may be made under this Act only if the applicant involved
16 agrees that information, activities, and services under the
17 grant that are directed toward a particular population
18 group will be provided in the language and cultural context
19 that is most appropriate for individuals in such group.

20 (c) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
21 made under this Act only if an application for the grant
22 is submitted to the Secretary and the application is in
23 such form, is made in such manner, and contains such
24 agreements, assurances, and information as the Secretary

1 determines to be necessary to carry out the program in-
2 volved.

3 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this Act:

5 (1) The term “eligible community” has the
6 meaning indicated for such term in section 2(a).

7 (2) The term “racial or ethnic minority or im-
8 migrant communities” means communities with a
9 substantial number of residents who are members of
10 racial or ethnic minority groups or who are immi-
11 grants.

12 (3) The term “Secretary” has the meaning in-
13 dicated for such term in section 2(a).

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